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McGUIRE BANNER

McGUIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL

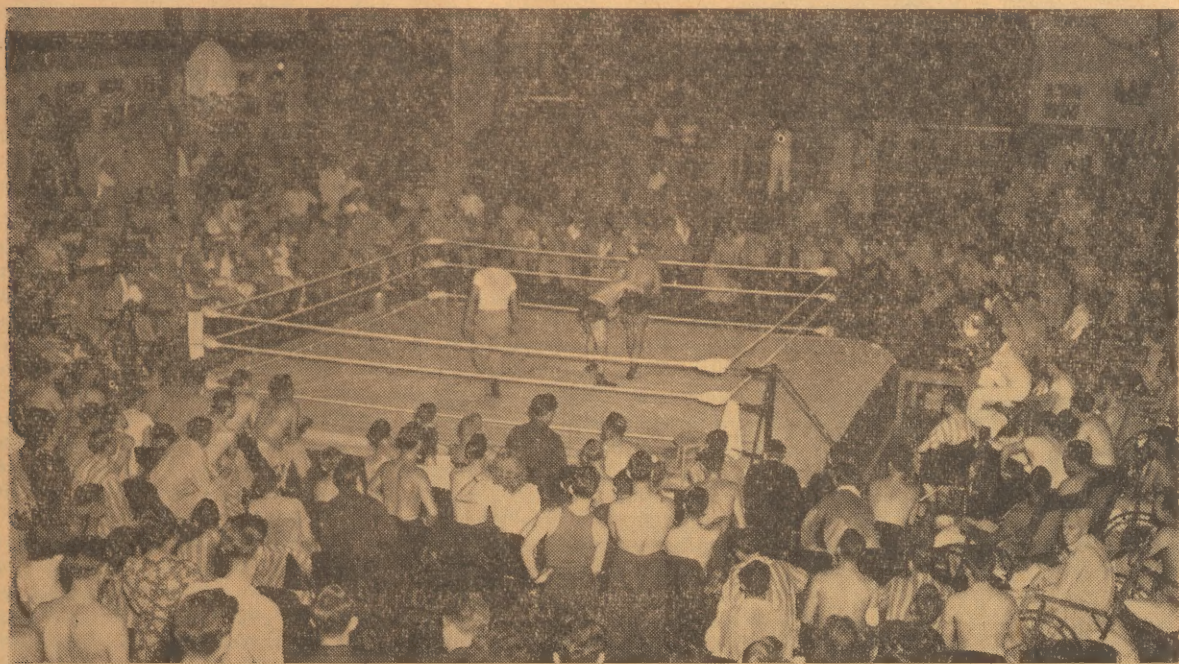
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Military Control Over McGuire Ends March 31; Veterans Administration Takes Charge April 1



WRESTLING MATCH—This scene, taken at the wrestling matches held here several months ago, will be reenacted tomorrow night in the post gym when a card of prominent grunners will appear here in three bouts sponsored by the Elks of Richmond. Among those scheduled to perform are three of the four mat "villains" recently portrayed in Life magazine.

Many Soldiers Here Expect Early Release

The dreams of early discharge held by many soldiers here were sustained by Gen. Eisenhower in a personal appearance before a joint meeting of Senators and Representatives. Hope was extended also to duty personnel at McGuire who may be declared "surplus" as a result of the switch in jurisdiction of the hospital from the War Department to the Veterans' Administration.

To the "surplus" men, the most interesting part of the general's message concerned the fate which may await them. "Ike" told the assembled legislators that, "there is no sound economy in sending a man overseas (as a replacement) if he is so close to eligibility for discharge that we should have to turn him right around and send him back. Nor is there any reason for keeping him in the Army if we no longer have a job for him here. So we discharge him."

"I realize that it is a source of irritation to veterans overseas to have a man discharged in this country with fewer points than the veteran over there. From this angle, it is rank injustice. But from the point of view of the country the only realistic and practical decision is to let him out," Gen. Eisenhower stated.

As the discharge situation stands now, all enlisted men, except volunteers, with 45 points or 30 months of service must be on their way to a separation center no later than April 30. Wacs with 24 months and male officers, other than RA and medics, with 67 points or 45 months service are also included in the April category.

By June 30, the following groups will have been discharged. Enlisted men with 40 points or 24 months of service and male officers with 65 points or 42 months of service. No information was given concerning Wac releases after the April date.

All medical department officers will be demobilized by separate criteria, established by the War Department.

According to the new directive on demobilization dated Jan. 15, zone of interior and theater commanders

are "responsible for the immediate release of every individual for whom there is no military need, and for releasing officers and men in sufficient time to carry out these instructions."

"However," the directive continued, "no individual will be discharged under this directive with less service or smaller scores than set forth herein." This may be interpreted as meaning that "surplus" men may be released provided they qualify for discharge under the provisions set forth in the directive.

CRC No. 2 Meets To Discuss Affairs

Civilian Recreation Center, No. 2, will hold its regular meeting Thursday, January 24, at the Young Men's Love and Union Hall, 19th and Decatur Streets, South Richmond.

The club, now operating under its new constitution and by-laws, requests all its officers and members to attend the first meeting of the new year to discuss business of importance.

Delinquent members are urged to clean up their debts and be reinstated. According to James D. Taylor, president of the organization, the club has made fine progress financially and numerically.

Speaking for the members and himself, Mr. Taylor expressed gratitude to Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer and all military personnel at McGuire for their "efficient cooperation during the past year." Similar sentiments were expressed toward Roland L. Troxler, chief of civilian personnel. The resolution also extended "best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous new year."

Special Event!

A basketball game and dance will be held Monday night at 8:15 p.m. in the post gym for the March of Dimes. The game, a contest between the McGuire Generals and the highly touted five from Camp Pickett, rated as one of the finest service teams in the country, should be a hum-dinger.

Following the game, the McGuire 15-piece band will play for the dance.

Admission to the game and dance will be a donation to the March of Dimes.

The game and dance will be broadcast over MCGH by Lt. Walter Winkopp to enable bed patients to be in on the event.

Homeward-Bound Patient Breaks Leg

As a result of an accident to a homebound McGuire patient, Sgt. George Timko, in Washington, D. C., a special gate has been set aside for servicemen—both wounded and able-bodied—passing through Union Station to enable them to board trains ahead of civilian travelers.

The action was taken following a conference between Washington terminal officials and top-ranking officers of the military district of Washington. The conference was brought about by the trampling of Sgt. Timko as the wounded vet attempted to board a train to his home in Pennsylvania.

Sgt. Timko was wearing a brace on his right leg to support a weakened bone from which a piece had been taken to graft into a bone of his left arm, which was shattered by shell fragments in Germany.

Attempting to reach the train, Timko was pushed to the ground and lay there for about three minutes with the crowd passing over him. His leg was broken. The sergeant was taken to the station hospital at Fort Myers, Va.

VA Counselor Arriving To Settle Job Problem

The War Department announced last Friday that military control over McGuire General Hospital would come to an end March 31, 1946, and that the large medical center would be turned over to the Veterans Administration on April 1.

The order from Washington, concise and direct, put a halt to the undercurrent of rumors which had been rife for several weeks, concerning the fate of the hospital.

Following immediately upon receipt here of the WD announcement, Col. P. E. Duggins, commanding officer of the installation, called a meeting of military staff personnel. At the conclusion of the session with the officers, he addressed civilian employees of the hospital in the Red Cross auditorium.

Col. Duggins, in his talk to the civilians, related that he had just returned from a trip to the headquarters of the VA in Washington, and had succeeded in obtaining a commitment from the agency in regard to having a representative sent here who could speak with authority about retention of personnel at the hospital. The VA representative will arrive at McGuire within the week.

When the emissary from Washington arrives, a general meeting of all civilian employees will be called at which the official lowdown will be disclosed. Shortly after the meeting, it is expected that the VA representative will be available for personal interviews with those desiring to solve their individual job problems.

"It is impossible to give assurance to anyone, at this point, that there will be no great changes contemplated," the colonel informed his audience. "Until the representative from the VA arrives with a table of organization, no definite statement can be made."

From Capt. Virginia G. Breed, director of McGuire's personnel division, it was learned, according to instructions issued in a directive of the Third Service Command, that cut backs of personnel, both civilian and military, were to be made every fifteen days.

The reduction in the staff, necessitated by these cutbacks, is to be based on the change in the work load at the hospital. Transfer of patient personnel to other medical installations, separation centers, or other army posts, was expected to reach a peak in February.

Employees of the hospital were asked by Capt. Breed to sit tight and await the establishment of a set policy from the VA.

Eventual size of the staff, in addition to depending upon the table of organization, hinges also on the bed capacity of the hospital as determined by the VA. Availability of doctors and nurses for employment with the VA, is a factor to be considered, Capt. Breed said.

According to the reduction-in-force policy of the WD, civilian employees must be given 30 days notice before separation, with a minimum of 15 days at full pay status.

Civilian employees will be given every consideration for transfer over to the VA," said Capt. Breed. "But, the final decision and selection," she stressed, "will have to be made by them. There will be no automatic transfers."

Persons separated through the reduction-in-force procedure will be aided in being reinstated with the VA in every way possible, Capt. Breed stated.

Of the 1,027 civilian employees at McGuire, the first cutbacks were instituted this week among the civilian guards at the hospital.

In addition to the reduction of personnel planned for civilian employees, a similar program is in store for military duty personnel here. Officers, nurses and enlisted men and Wacs will be among those to be affected by the switch in jurisdiction over the hospital.

Job essentiality will determine the status of the individual.

As cutbacks among military personnel progresses, a number of jobs currently held by soldiers will be available to civilian employees. Since the cutbacks are figured on an over-all basis, including military and civilian, removal of the military from the hospital may provide an increase in the number of jobs to civilians, provided they are within the cutback quota. As in all civil service, veterans are given a job priority over non-veterans.

It's 'Mr.,' Not 'Col.,' Adjutant Named to Succeed Roffman

Former enlisted men hereafter won't have to tell their troubles to an official of the Veterans Administration with a "colonel" in front of his name.

Effective immediately, said Gen. Omar N. Bradley, the administrators, former officers, will be known as "mister." He said that the use of military titles, customary at the VA in the past on doors, on name plates and in correspondence, "presents practical difficulties."

His real reason was said to be that former enlisted men had shied away from the profusion of rank encountered at the VA.

General Bradley left the ex-officers one loophole: They can still use their former titles in conversation.

Major James F. Clark was named this week to succeed CWO Lawrence E. Roffman as adjutant at McGuire. Mr. Roffman, who is to be separated from the service within the next two weeks was relieved of his duties by the major sent here from headquarters of the Third Service Command.

Major Clark entered the army as a private in July 1942. He attended MAC OCS at Camp Barkeley, Tex., and was commissioned a second lieutenant in Jan. 1943. Assigned to the 103rd station hospital unit at Camp Wolters, Tex., he accompanied the outfit overseas to Africa and later to Italy. He returned to the States in August this year and arrived at Camp Crowder, Mo., where the outfit was inactivated.

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Writer's Cramp

The current issue of LIFE presents an all too clear contrast in living as it goes on in this year of our Lord.

Devoting four pages to a picture story on the debut of the daughter of a former U. S. Senator, it illustrates graphically social life in the nation's capitol. Guests at the party, according to the magazine, "succeeded in chewing, gulping, sniffing and shuffling their way through an estimated \$15,000 worth of food, liquor, flowers and music."

On another page in the same issue is a picture that shocked us despite our awareness of the existence of such conditions. It shows a Chinese child, on the sidewalk of the most fashionable street in Shanghai, lying dead—a victim of starvation. Two passersby in the background, evidently inured to what must be a commonplace, stroll by disinterested.

At the age of eighteen, one is introduced to society. At the age of six, the other has already bowed out of it.

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The Civil War, or the War-between-the-States, whichever you prefer, is conceded to have ended, as a matter of record, some eighty years ago.

The hardships worked by this conflict were terrible. Still, the passage of four decades and the birth of three generations since, might be thought to have erased the bitterness that was rife for so long.

In the three wars in which these United States have participated since 1865, the South has joined the North in common alliance against the mutual enemy.

In this brief "refresher course" in American history, we are merely trying to indicate our amazement to hear, on the bus going to Richmond, the other night, this ancient witticism uttered by an officer in all seriousness to his feminine companion.

The two were discussing various wars fought by this country. The conversation gradually turned to the Civil War and the officer, obviously a Southerner, was explaining several phases of the combat to the lady from the North.

To these eavesdropping ears, the discussion was a welcome relief to the boredom which usually accompanies the ride into town.

Finally, after exhausting the subject, the officer came up with the "payola," as the Broadway boys call a remark which tops everything said previously.

"Do you know the difference between a yankee and a damyankee?" the officer asked the lady. The lady confessed she did not.

"Well," said our hero, "in the Civil War, a yankee was the one who stayed at home!"

Suh, those are feudin' words! Scarlett, saddle my horse and fetch me my julep, I'm off to the wars.

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It may seem a little late to mention this, but we're getting good and sick of the guy and we'd like to let some fresh air into the room.

In another part of the BANNER this week, you'll find a number of gripes from the patients here about the lack of big name shows at McGuire. We second the motion. But, first let us tell you a tale about a Broadway character whom you all know.

This individual is a columnist on a tabloid that has the largest circulation in the country. Day in and day out, he keeps writing about the wonderful shows he puts on for those "poor, wounded soldiers" in the hospitals around New York.

His slogan, or one of them, for he has one to fit any given occasion is, "The bigger they are, the nicer they are." That's swell. No one could possibly disagree with that. He applies the thing as a weapon to every big-time performer that visits New York when he's readying a show for a place like Halloran General Hospital. The power he wields in his column is a force not to be defied by any star afraid of a bad press. Most show people are usually anxious to appear before vets, anyhow, and so they can generally overlook the implied threat for failure to perform.

To get to the point of this tale, last month this character brought a fine show to Richmond to participate in the local bond drive. In the unit were Frank Sinatra and Charlie Spivak and his band.

Two weeks before they were scheduled to arrive here, the writer of this column, who knows the guy in question having met him at the Friar's club in New York a number of years ago, extended an invitation to the columnist and his troupe to visit the patients at McGuire.

The letter was never acknowledged. The unit never played McGuire despite the fact that it was only fifteen minutes away from the hospital.

We do not condemn either Sinatra or Spivak for not coming out here. The letter was addressed to the columnist with an appeal to him to secure them for a brief show here. It is our conviction that if the invitation were extended directly to them, they would have been happy to appear.

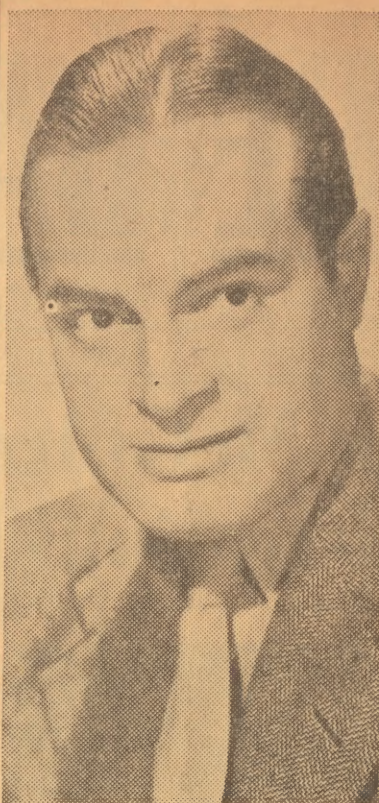
About the same time, Bill Robinson was in Richmond. A five minute phone call to this veteran of show business brought out a show that really wowed the boys on the wards and in the rec hall where it played.

Before leaving, Bill said, "The next time I'm in Richmond, don't ask me to come, just tell me when!" And he wasn't kidding.

Take a bow, Ed Sullivan and go back to promoting your stick-ball tournaments for the old Evening Graphic. And, while you're at it, take a lesson from a big-timer like Bill Robinson.

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A ten-cent investment in the March of Dimes will bring a substantial return in happiness to some kid who can't walk. Shell out, fellers. —D.F.



Bob Hope, National Chairman of the March of Dimes Veterans' and Servicemen's Division, is rallying his legions of radio listeners for a smashing victory in the January 14—31 appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.



Week of Friday, January 18. First show at 6:15 p.m.; second show at 8:15 p.m., daily. Matinee every Sunday at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY—"A Letter From Evie," with Marsha Hunt, John Carroll.

SATURDAY—"Girl on the Spot," with Jess Barker, Lois Collier.

SUNDAY & MONDAY—"Spellbound," with Ingrid Bergman, Gregory Peck.

TUESDAY—"Meet Me on Broadway," with Marjorie Reynolds, Fred Crady.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"The Harvey Girls," with Judy Garland, John Hodiak.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY—"Cornered," with Dick Powell, Walter Slezak.

Bars and Stripes

To First Lieutenant

2nd Lt. Jean E. Stoner

To Technical Sergeant

S-Sgt. Pauline Changes

S-Sgt. Earl J. Rackoff

To Staff Sergeant

T-4 Lois Belisle

Sgt. Herman Botteon

Sgt. Richard M. Fry

T-4 Frank D. Littlewood

T-4 George S. Sopky

Sgt. Judith Yeager

To Technician Third Grade

Sgt. Leverett K. Tanner, Jr.

To Sergeant

Cpl. Christian E. Adkins

Cpl. Robert L. Harnick

Cpl. Vincent A. Seeley

T-5 Evelyn F. Wiest

To Technician Fourth Grade

Cpl. Hubert J. Casey

T-5 Alvin S. Feltman

T-5 Georgia C. Fischer

T-5 Elizabeth J. Lawrence

T-5 Lillian Richman

T-5 Julia P. Stackhouse

T-5 Calliope Titonis

T-5 Clyde C. Windham

To Corporal

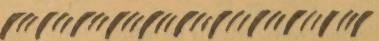
Pfc. Harry A. Chavanne

Pfc. Ronald E. Mobley

To Technician Fifth Grade

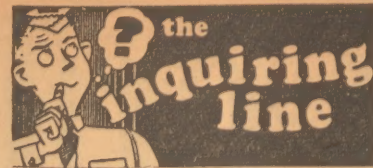
Pfc. Eunice L. P. Bonniwell

Pfc. Frank Pollarie



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INFANTILE PARALYSIS
JANUARY 14-31

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis



Q. On "length of service" discharges, can a man be held for ninety days? For example, if a man in the Army has served 42 months and is eligible for discharge, may he be held for another ninety days?

A. Any enlisted man who is otherwise eligible for discharge may be retained on active duty, without his consent, not to exceed ninety days from the date on which he becomes eligible for discharge, for the purpose of obtaining a replacement.

Q. I am a discharged soldier whose term insurance has not been paid for three months. Where do I write for reinstatement of my national service life insurance?

A. The method of reinstatement of the Five-Year Level Premium Term has been modified by the Veterans' Administration, so that where the insured has permitted his insurance to lapse, reinstatement may be made by paying two months' premium (one back month and one current month) without interest, providing that at the time of such tender of premium, the insured can furnish satisfactory evidence of insurability. This means that where insurance has lapsed for three months or less, reinstatement may be made by a mere statement as to good health on Form 353, but where the insured has permitted his insurance to lapse for more than three months, then he must furnish medical evidence of insurability. Write to the Director of Insurance, Veterans' Administration, Vermont Ave. and H St., Washington 25, D. C.

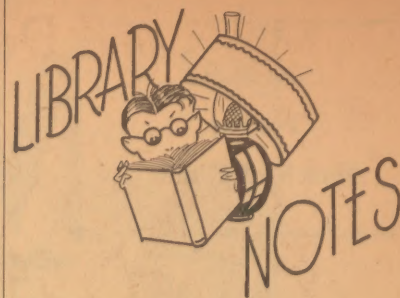
Q. Are natives of Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands entitled to foreign service pay while serving in the United States?

A. Foreign duty pay will not be paid for duty performed in the United States, but natives of Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippine Islands, while performing active service in the Army of the United States, are entitled to foreign service pay while serving in the islands or territory of which they are citizens or residents, or in any other country outside the continental limits of the United States.

Orchestra Named For Glenn Miller

Maj. Glenn Miller, who was lost in a plane flight over the English Channel on December 5, 1944, will have his name perpetuated in the Glenn Miller Orchestra, it was announced recently.

The orchestra will be composed of ex-servicemen who served with Major Miller either in the Army Air Forces Overseas Band or who played with his band before entering the service. Tex Beneke, formerly Major Miller's featured saxophonist and vocalist, who was discharged from the Navy in November, will conduct the band.



By Suzanne McLaurin Connell

Here's more news about books. Many new works are still arriving at the library, and there is something here for all readers. Today, out of such a number of interesting books, we have chosen several novels as subjects for discussion.

Among the best of these new novels is "The Birth of Mischief," by Rafael Sabatini. Sabatini's books enjoy a wide popularity, and a new novel from his pen will arouse the interest of many readers. This master of the historical-adventure novel has written a book worthy to compete with any of its predecessors. "The Birth of Mischief" is the story of Germany of Frederick the Great as seen through the eyes of a young British nobleman, the Marquess of Alverley. You'll find here all of the action, pageantry, adventure and love so typical of Sabatini's works; in addition, you'll be interested in Sabatini's skillful manner of depicting "The Birth of Mischief" which took place during the reign of Frederick and culminated with the Hitler regime of the present era.

"Praetor Violet," by Christopher Isherwood, is a short novel, or novelette, in which the device of satire has been used with stinging force and effectiveness. It is the story of the making of a British motion picture under the direction of an Austrian director with strong anti-Nazi convictions; in his story of this small drama, Isherwood uses his artistry to describe the larger and more important drama being played upon the world stage.

Leslie Waller's "Three Day Pass" is the story of a soldier's eventful three-day visit to New York before going overseas. It is an interesting, readable book, rather similar to other novels which have been written on this familiar theme, but still possessing certain original qualities of its own which make it different.

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Midweek Service Wednesday evenings6:30 p.m.
Conference Room 12, Building 303.
Daily Services, Monday through Saturday inclusive, 8:00 a.m. in Red Cross lounge.
Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.
and, at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room, Bldg. 303.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass8:30, 11:00 a.m.
Daily Mass:
Mon. and Thurs.5:00 p.m.
Tues., Fri., Sat.6:00 a.m.
Confessions Sat.6:30-8:00 p.m.

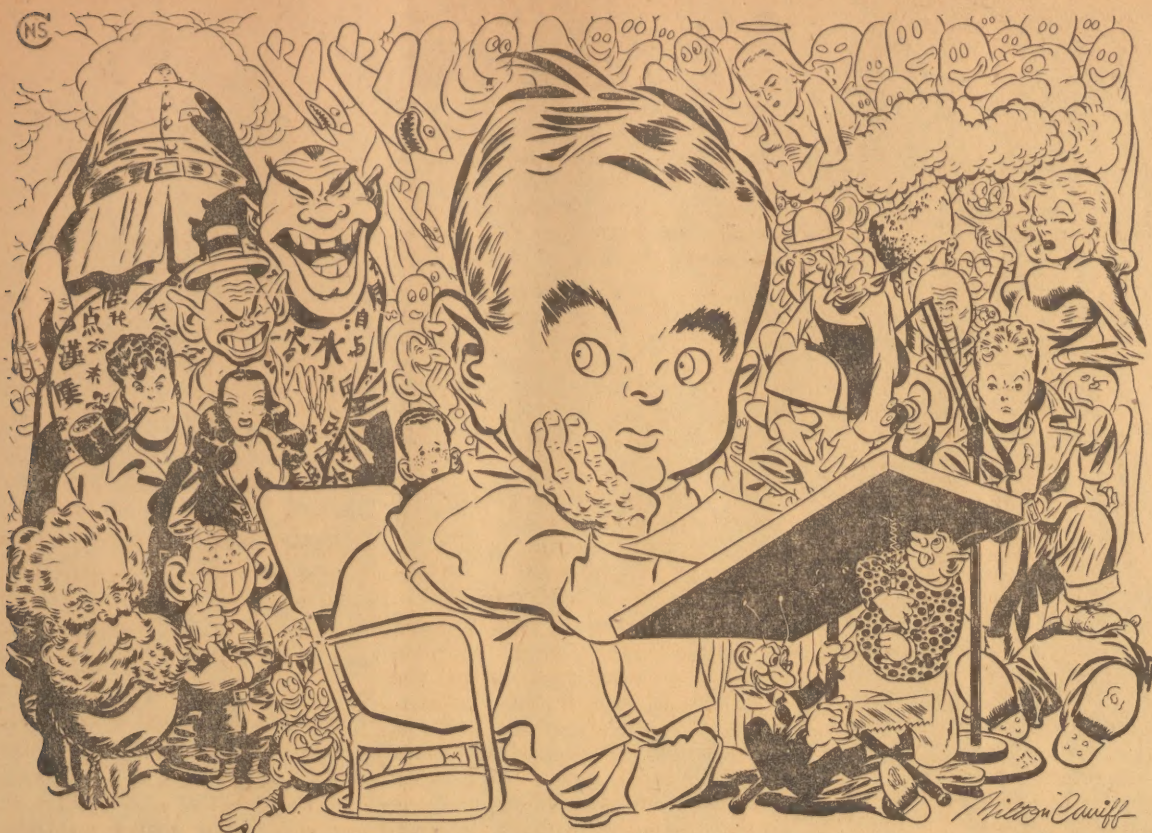
JEWISH

Friday Services.....7:00 p.m.



CURL AND TWIST—Beginning to sit up and take nourishment, Esther Williams starts the New Year by assuming a position other than prone. Esther, a swimming star, is known as the only breast-stroker with bed-sores. In this exercise she is doing a contortion which, we are assured, will strengthen the principal muscles of the abdomen as well as those needed to flex the thigh. This is better than a course from Charles Atlas.

Milt Caniff Draws Lovely Ladies for a Living



This reverie in black and white features Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" and "Male Call" and father to some of the most languorous ladies in comic strip history. Grouped around the artist are some of his creations (you may recognize them) and the gremlins which forever haunt his board.

Milton Caniff (pronounced like a sneeze) is a brown-haired 38-year-old Irishman who works 7 days a week, 365 days a year drawing beautiful women.

These women are incorporated in 2 of the most successful comic strips of our time. "Terry and the Pirates" and "Male Call." "Terry" appears daily in 175 civilian newspapers and the European and Italian editions of Stars and Stripes. "Male Call" is issued weekly to more than 2500 official service newspapers on the Camp Newspaper Service mailing list.

The 2 strips are produced in a glassed-in studio high in the Catskills in Rockland County, N. Y., where Caniff may be found working every night. There, too, may be found Burma and Lace and April Kane and the Dragon Lady and the other comely wenches Milton's quill and brush have produced . . . as well as the artists real life helpers, his wife, his dog, his 2 assistants.

He is an unusual artist in many respects. First, he works hard and loves it. Second, he does his own drawings, plots his own stories, writes his own dialogue. Third, he's ambidextrous. He plays golf, writes and eats soup with his right hand. He draws, paints and plays billiards with his left.

Caniff started drawing beautiful women about the time the other kids in his home town of Hillsboro, Ohio, were drawing mustaches on street car posters. He pursued this passion through high school and 4 years at Ohio State University and later on the Columbus Dispatch where he worked until 1930. In 1932 he began an adventure strip, "Dickie Dare," and in 1934 "Terry" was born.

"Terry" was a hit from the beginning. First, it was a spine-tingling adventure strip, full of hair-raising action and crisp dialogue. And, secondly, it was full of beautiful dames. This combination put "Terry" over faster than a pitchman selling lemonade at Malay Balay.

First of the Caniff cuties to catch the public eye was Burma, a blonde and slangy number with hips like a boa constrictor and a purple past. Burma has sashayed her way through the "Terry" strip off and on for the last 10 years, growing progressively more desirable.

Another sensational Caniff lovely is the Dragon Lady, a slo-eyed Eurasian, with a phenomenal figure and a background as shady as a back alley in the Casbah.

Then there is the lady known as Lace, the GIs little playmate and heroine of Caniff's "Male Call" strip. Lace, a home bred beauty with overtones of Lana Turner and Marlene Dietrich and undertones of Jean Harlow and Lauren Bacall, is



Caniff and Col. Phil Cochran (he's Flip Corkin in "Terry") survey one of Milt's strips at the artist's studio in Rockland County, N. Y.

the sweetest little dish on the TO to thousands of servicemen from Calcutta to Canarsie.

In addition to producing "Terry" and "Male Call," Caniff, who was rejected for service because of a bum leg, has made a couple of major contributions to the war effort. He illustrated OCD manuals for M Day on how to put out incendiary bombs before Pearl Harbor. When war came he did a full page on what to do in the event of an air raid. Later, he illustrated the Soldier's Pocket Guide to China and at least one of his "Terry" strips—the one in which Col. Flip Corkin

briefs Terry on the duties of an AAF officer, has found its way into posterity through publication in the Congressional Record. Profits from his "Male Call" book, recently published, will go to Army Emergency Relief.

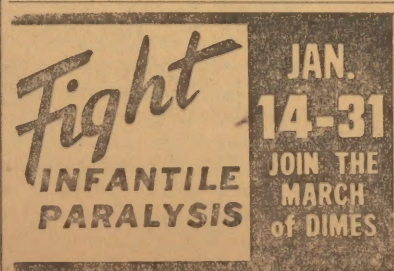
All this keeps Caniff as busy as a man with St. Vitus dance in an ant hill, but the man loves work. It doesn't bother him a bit.

"In fact," says he, "I have only one problem. I write all my own stuff. Then I have to go back and draw it, and I write myself into some of the damndest difficulties."

—C.N.S.

"Fair Exchange . . ."

Paris, Texas—A thief broke into a suit store and stole a complete outfit, leaving behind another complete outfit, the one he had been wearing, which he had stolen from the same store 6 months before.



The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis

VA Counselor Here To Advise Veterans

Arthur E. Koch of the Veteran's Administration has replaced Samuel R. Mason as VA representative at McGuire.

A World War I vet and former VA counselor at Camp Pickett, Mr. Koch will be available to all hospital personnel at his office in room 17 on ward 26. While his position here is intended primarily to answer the problems of military personnel soon to be separated from the service, it is indicated that questions from civilian personnel will also be accepted by Mr. Koch.

Patients Deplore Lack Of "Big Name" Shows

Continuing its series of gripes and suggestions emanating from patients here, the BANNER this week reveals the latest data compiled from the results of the survey made at McGuire recently.

As field director for the Red Cross at McGuire, Mrs. Harriet G. Anthony submitted a categorical reply to the series of gripes and suggestions levelled at her department by patients.

To the complaint that McGuire suffered from a "complete lack of entertainment; that there were no big name shows," Mrs. Anthony advised Capt. Albert A. Dunn, executive officer with whom the idea for the survey originated that, "We regret that the big name shows have not been on this circuit. Programs of the big name variety are brought to the hospital through Special Services although they may be given in the Red Cross auditorium."

Several patients suggested that pool and billiard equipment, particularly cue sticks, be improved. Mrs. Anthony replied, "We have been aware of the need for new cue sticks. We were unable to purchase these. The Masons of Richmond are trying to arrange to buy new cue sticks in Washington. We have four pool tables in the patients' dayroom. It has been suggested that the patients on the paraplegic wards would enjoy a small pool table of such height that they might play while sitting in wheel chairs. This is being considered but does not yet have the approval of the ward officer."

In response to the allegation that too few movies were being shown in the Red Cross hall, Mrs. Anthony stated, "The Red Cross is permitted only two 35 mm movies per week. Two 16mm films a week is the limit of the Red Cross movie quota which are sent us from the National office. In addition to this, the Camp and Hospital Council rents locally one film per week. A fourth film is loaned to us by reconditioning consisting of educational and news shorts. It would be possible to have extra shows on these days if patient attendance and interest warrants this."

28 bed lamps, gifts of citizens in the community, were contributed this month. Organizations and individuals in the community at the present time are interested in planning for similar donations to bed patients. This came as an answer to the suggestion that more bed lamps be provided to patients.

Asking for an increase in the number of shows playing on the wards, patients were informed by Mrs. Anthony that this problem is being given special attention. A plan is being developed with the cooperation of the special services officer, Capt. Howard B. Leeds, to determine what arrangements might be made for obtaining more shows with the help of local talent.

The demand by patients for more magazines in the wards was answered with the statement that this month subscriptions to fifteen magazines totalling \$365.00 have been ordered through the generosity of individuals and organizations in the city of Richmond and vicinity. An additional gift of seventeen subscriptions by an individual donor has been given this month. The magazines which are given through Red Cross are donated to the hospital library and are divided equally among the wards."

In the BANNER next week the criticisms and suggestions of the patients concerning the mess hall will be aired in these columns. Capt. Irving Gellman, director of mess and dietetics division, will explain in detail the answers to the gripes of those who were polled.

Amputee Athlete To Visit for 30 Days

Donald Kerr, an above-the-knee amputee for the past 25 years and an outstanding athlete, nevertheless, arrived at McGuire this week to begin a 30-day visit at the hospital to show patients here just what could be done with their prosthesis.

Kerr, a representative of the Red Cross, lost his leg in a train accident when he was eight years old. Determined to let it make no difference to him he began to develop an interest in every sport short of ice-hockey.

Some of the activities in which he may participate despite his prosthesis, have already brought gasps of astonishment to patients at each of the army and navy amputee centers he has visited.

To list his accomplishments, Kerr was captain of the Tulane university fencing team, top bantamweight boxer and member of the varsity boxing team, captain of the New Orleans A.C. badminton team and doubles champ of that city, an excellent tennis player and was able to run the 60-yard dash in eight seconds while he was attending grammar school. He is a roller skater and fine dancer as well.

Kerr's special interest is in instructing amputees to walk up and down steps placing one foot in front of the other.

He has also taught a bilateral amputee with one above the knee and the other below, to roller skate.



MARCH OF DIMES—Whatever may be the housing problem on the outside, at McGuire this model house is intended to help provide for the victims of infantile paralysis. Constructed as a display piece during the current drive for funds, the chimney of the model house is used as a receptacle for the donations of personnel here. As a reminder of the type of victim cut down by polio, the little house is surrounded by the shoes of little children.

Generals Trim Lee, UTS; Meet Picketters Monday

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Ramming home points recklessly, the McGuire Generals routed Union Theological Seminary by a 71-44 count Monday night to stretch their current basketball string to five straight on the eve of tonight's opening of the rougher section of their schedule.

The Generals move into tonight's skirmish with Du Pont of Waynesboro boasting an even dozen victories in 13 starts and hope to carry their win streak over to six in row since Christmas when they face the strong Camp Pickett quintet on Monday night. Both games will be on the home floor.

Coupled with the win over UTS, the Generals notched victory No. 11 during the past week with a 40-31 decision over the Camp Lee QM School, a team which held them to a 44-41 overtime verdict in an earlier meeting.

The Union game was little more than a scrimmage for the Generals, who piled up a 20-4 lead in the first quarter and coasted through the remaining 30 minutes. The Theologians failed to hit the nets for the first nine minutes of play, chiefly because of their own over-anxious play but due in some part to the sharp defensive play of Coach Al Bianco's first string team.

The "varsity," consisting of Ray "Dusty" Rhodes and Al Rinaldi, forwards; "Windy" Windnagle at center, and Al Rabin and Russ Cromwell, guards, played the lion's share of the game and, while not as smooth as the Pickett tilt will require, showed considerable improvement over previous games.

Windnagle and Cromwell, although collecting only six points apiece, were outstanding on defense and showed as good floor play as has been seen here this year. Rhodes, who hadn't had a hot night since Dec. 10 when he racked up 15 points against Bellwood, equalled that total. He was assisted ably on the offense by Rinaldi and Rabin, who notched eight points each.

Bianco, after giving his first string even more of a workout than most of the crowd thought was necessary, inserted his second squad of Bob Conway and Al Feltman, forwards; Bill Cheswick, center, and Tony Hoffman and Dick Garrett, guards. This quintet, although not as effective as the varsity, collected 20 points and smothered most of the Theologians' efforts.

Johnny Sheppard, Charley Coggins and Jim Kraft, a trio which has seen little action to date, showed well in the final quarter, adding eight points on a pair of buckets apiece by Coggins and Sheppard.

Union, never really in the ball game, came up with the game's high scorer in Center Lowry who slammed in 16 points, 12 of them in the last half.

Last Friday's game with Camp Lee was a slightly different story, but the Generals had little trouble. Trailing by 12-11 at the first quarter, the locals got down to work in the second period and built up a 22-18 halftime margin. They stretched this lead to 29-25 at the third quarter and moved further ahead during the last canto.

Scoring was evenly distributed for

the Generals with Rhodes and Charley Wolf, on furlough for the Union game, netting eight each. Windnagle and Rinaldi were next in line with seven apiece.

Wolf's absence Monday cost him the individual scoring lead for the squad. Rinaldi, with eight points, moved into the top spot with a season's total of 112 points, one less than Wolf's 111. Rinaldi counted his total on 50 baskets and 12 free throws. Wolf hit 45 times from the floor and 21 from the free throw line. Next in line were Rhodes with 99 counters and Cromwell with 72.

Monday's scoring splurge ran the Generals total points for 13 games to 631, an average of nearly 49 a contest. In contrast, opponents have been held to 430 points, or 33 a game on the average.

McGuire (40)

	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Conway, f	0	0	2	0
Feltman, f	1	0	1	2
Cheswick, c	1	0	0	2
Farris, g	0	0	1	0
Windnagle, g	3	1	1	7
Rhodes, f	4	0	2	8
Rinaldi, f	3	1	1	7
Cromwell, c	2	1	3	5
Wolf, g	3	2	1	8
Rabin, g	0	1	0	1
Totals	17	6	12	40

QM School (31)

	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Hoch, f	2	3	2	7
Weintraub, f	3	3	4	9
Crowe, c	4	1	0	9
Anderson, g	0	0	0	0
Silverman, g	3	0	3	6
Hirsch, g	0	0	1	0
Totals	12	7	10	31

Halftime score: McGuire 22, QM School 18. Free throws missed: Conway 3, Windnagle, Cromwell 2, Hoch 5, Weintraub, Crowe, Hirsch.

McGuire (71)

	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Rhodes, f	7	1	1	15
Rinaldi, f	4	0	2	8
Cheswick, c	1	0	1	2
Rabin, g	4	0	0	8
Cromwell, g	3	0	1	6
Conway, f	3	1	1	7
Feltman, f	2	0	1	4
Windnagle, c	3	0	1	6
Hoffman, g	0	1	1	1
Garrett, g	3	0	0	6
Sheppard, g	2	0	0	4
Coggins, f	2	0	3	4
Kraft, g	0	0	1	0
Totals	34	3	13	71

Union (44)

	fg.	ft.	pf.	tp.
Goodman, f	6	1	2	13
Ford, f	3	0	0	6
Lowry, c	7	2	3	16
Wells, g	0	0	0	0
Garbett, g	2	1	1	5
Fulton, g	2	0	1	4
Totals	20	4	7	44

Halftime score: McGuire 32, Union 10. Free throws missed: Rhodes, Rinaldi, Conway 2, Coggins, Goodman 4, Ford 3, Lowry 2, Wells, Fulton.



THE McGUIRETTES—With the blush of victory still hanging over them in a rosy haze, the McGuirettes having defeated the girls' team from the Railroad YMCA in the gym here Monday night, celebrated the happy event by calling in the photographer and posing for this group picture. From left to right along the top row are Rosalie MacDonald of the post office; Joan Rothgeb of the signal office; Alma Bowman of ward 40; Louise Frazier of the telephone exchange; and Florence Andrews, of military personnel. Decorating the bottom row are Annette Ayres, of the supply division and T-5 Mary St. Peter of military personnel.

Trick-Shot Artist Shows Skill at Gym

Billed as the "World's Greatest Trick-Shot Expert," Wilfred Hetzel of St. Cloud, Minn., will appear at post gym tonight for two exhibitions of his artistry with a basketball.

Featured twice with the Believe it or Not exhibit and with the Strange as it Seems show, Mr. Hetzel who has performed in 42 states, is the holder of 150 world's records on 100 trick-shots with the basketball.

Mr. Hetzel will appear first tonight at the conclusion of the basketball game between the McGuirettes and their opponents from Du Pont. During the intermission between halves of the men's game he will again display his skill. The full length of his performance will last 40 minutes.

During that time, Mr. Hetzel will demonstrate all 85 of the trick shots he originated. While he has never played in a single basketball game he has spent over 14,000 hours mastering these freak shots.

Some of the world's records held by the trick-shot artist include shooting 92 fouls out of 100 with both eyes shut; four straight 40-foot forward pass goals, a feat accomplished three times; 66 straight foul goals on both knees and 44 straight foul goals on one foot.

Mat "Villains" at Gym Tomorrow

Three of the four wrestling "villains" who were featured in Life magazine several weeks ago will appear on a special mat program to be presented for patients here tomorrow night at the post gym.

The three wrestling "villains" who will perform are Jack Singer, the Boston Bad Boy; Roughhouse Jack O'Brien and Mike Kilonas.

Singer meets a tough foe in Sailor Barto Hill; O'Brien will tangle with Sonny Myers and Kilonas meets the Mexican heavyweight champion, Jimmy El Pulpo. Hill, Myers and El Pulpo all are classed in the wrestling book as the "hero" type.

All three matches will be one fall to a finish.

The bouts were arranged by Promoter Bill Lewis at the request of the Richmond Elks, who have been arranging entertainment features for the McGuire patients. Morris Lutto is chairman of the Elk's committee.

Lewis, is a former wrestler and expert showman who fostered the first mud match in the nation, invented the Boxing Wrestling Royal in which six men slug it out with one glove apiece, and who once was stopped by the authorities from staging a bout in 50 gallons of vanilla ice cream.

As a wrestler, Lewis tangled in 1,080 matches in 44 states, once wrestled 26 bouts in a single day.

The bouts here will start at 7:00 P. M.

Ribbon Awarded As Badge of Merit

A new award, the Army commendation ribbon, to be presented for meritorious non-combat service, was announced this week by the War Department with the provision that it be "given freely" to junior officers and enlisted men.

The design of the ribbon will consist of alternating vertical bands of green and white. No medal will be issued to accompany it.

Ranking just below the Air Medal, the new award will be given to officers and enlisted men "serving in any capacity . . . for meritorious service rendered since 7 December 1941 not in sustained operational activities against an enemy nor in direct support of such operation, i.e., in areas and at times when the Bronze Star Medal may not be awarded because of its operational character," a War Department circular said.

It will be awarded to recognize certain outstanding specific accomplishments, over a period of at least six months.

The commendation ribbon will be awarded in the name of the Secretary of War by officers of the grade of major general or higher. In making the award, they will include in an individual letter or certificate of commendation the authorization to wear the ribbon. It will be awarded retroactively to officers and men who have received letters of commendation from or in the name of officers of the rank of major general or higher in the past, if they receive specific authorization to do so.

Male Call

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RANDOM NOTES REGARDING
(Scribbled on the back of an old
Draft Classification Card)

MANY A LONG
NECK HAS
BEEN
OFFSET
BY A
SHORT
CRUST

DEEP FREEZE
TYPE—Will tell
you why you fought,
but won't share the
benefits of peace
with you...

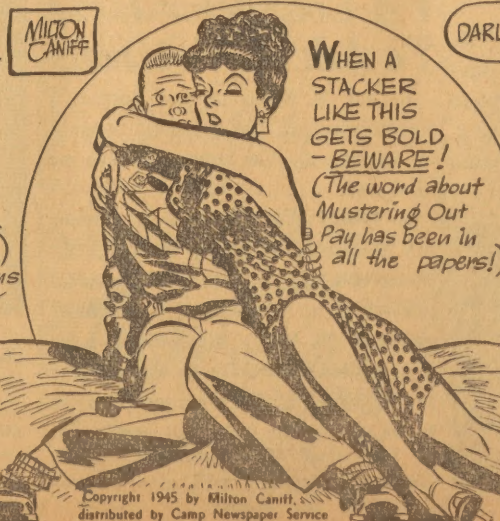


Don't trust those
long evening gowns

HELLO! DID
YOU HAVE
YOUR INSURANCE
CONVERTED?

BAD
TIMING

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



WHEN A
STACKER
LIKE THIS
GETS BOLD
—BEWARE!
(The word about
Mustering Out
Pay has been in
all the papers!)

DARLING

NO WONDER
THE SNAPSHOTS
STOPPED
COMIN!

INFLATION

HON-EE!
REMEMBER
THIS?

Home Front Hodgepodge

THIS DOLLY COULDN'T
DO ANYTHING TO
O.D.'s, BUT
WAIT 'TIL
SHE
STARTS
BUYING
HUBBY'S
CIVILIAN
NECKTIES!

What's this? Just
a pretty, normal
gal who'll be glad
to have her man
home again? Joe
Miller will be whirl-
ing in his grave!

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